## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



February 6, 2006

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-07-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL
[ ] State Law Change [ ] Federal Law or Regulation

SUBJECT: EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)

REFERENCES: ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICES (ACIN) I-55-06

AND I-61-05

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding the EITC for households affected by the 2005 hurricanes in the Gulf Coast. Many of these households will be reapplying for ongoing food stamp benefits and we would like to encourage counties to provide information on the EITC tax credit.

For those households that were part of the Katrina Disaster, simplifications to the EITC program were made that expanded access and will allow families affected by the hurricanes to use their 2004 salaries to claim EITC benefits during the upcoming tax season. The web page at <a href="http://www.irs.gov/eitc">http://www.irs.gov/eitc</a> provides comprehensive information regarding the EITC including a toolkit that contains relevant and timely information for the 2005 tax year.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Detta Hunt, Food Stamp Policy Development Unit, at (916) 653-6161 or detta.hunt@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

RICHTON YEE, Chief Food Stamp Branch